

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of interfolding gloves, each glove having a finger portion, a hand portion, and a cuff portion, the method  
5 comprising:

(a) superposing the finger portion of a second glove approximately adjacent the finger portion of the first glove, the second glove finger portion being disposed approximately parallel and in a direction  
10 generally opposite the first glove finger portion, such that the second glove finger portion is in a superjacent opposing relationship relative to the first glove finger portion; and

(b) lapping the hand portion and the cuff  
15 portion of the first glove over the finger portion of the second glove, such that at least one lapped, superjacent opposing fold is provided thereby.

2. The method of interfolding gloves according to  
20 Claim 1, further comprising:

(a) repeatedly superposing the finger portion of a subsequent glove of a plurality of gloves approximately adjacent the finger portion of a previous glove of a plurality of gloves, the  
25 subsequent glove finger portion being disposed approximately parallel and oriented in a direction generally opposite the previous glove finger portion, such that the subsequent glove finger portion is in a superjacent opposing relationship relative to the  
30 previous glove finger portion; and

(b) repeatedly lapping the hand portion and the cuff portion of the previous glove over the finger portion of the subsequent glove such that at least one lapped, superjacent opposing fold is provided thereby and, after a predetermined number of gloves have been thus folded, a glove bundle is formed having the predetermined number of gloves folded therein.

3. The method according to Claim 1, wherein each of the first and second gloves is approximately transversely folded along a respective longitudinal axis prior to operation of Claim 1(a).

4. The method according to Claim 2, wherein each of the previous and subsequent gloves is approximately transversely folded along a respective longitudinal axis of the previous and subsequent gloves prior to operation of Claim 2(a).

5. The method according to Claim 2, wherein the top of the glove bundle comprises the cuff portion of a glove.

6. The method according to Claim 2, further comprising disposing the glove bundle in a glove dispenser, each adjacent glove in the glove bundle exerting an attractive force upon another adjacent glove in the glove bundle, the glove dispenser including a dispensing opening adapted to provide a counterforce in cooperation with the attractive force to dispense a preselected number of gloves at a time.

7. The method according to Claim 6, wherein one glove is dispensed at a time through the dispensing opening and the glove bundle is arranged to dispense the glove through the dispensing opening in a cuff-first orientation.

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8. The method according to Claim 7, wherein the glove dispenser comprises a resilient, semi-rigid container.

9. The method according to Claim 8, wherein the dispensing opening further comprises a generally curvilinear opening in the cap through which a glove is dispensed, the generally curvilinear opening being adapted to allow a first glove to be dispensed and to allow a second glove cuff to at least partially protrude through the opening after separating from the dispensed first glove.

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10. The method according to Claim 9, wherein the generally curvilinear dispensing opening is a generally elliptical dispensing opening adapted to partially constrain passage of a glove therethrough.

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11. The method according to Claim 6, wherein the glove dispenser is adapted to be at least one of wearable and disposable.

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12. The method according to Claim 2, wherein the top of the glove bundle comprises the finger portion of a glove.

13. The method according to Claim 6, wherein the glove dispenser is adapted to be operably disposed within a secondary dispenser.

5        14. A method of interfolding gloves, each glove having a finger portion, a hand portion, and a cuff portion, the method comprising:

10            (a) superposing the finger portion of a second glove approximately adjacent the finger portion of the first glove, the second glove finger portion being disposed approximately parallel and oriented generally opposite the first glove finger portion, such that the second glove finger portion is in a superjacent opposing relationship relative to the first glove  
15        finger portion;

          (b) lapping the hand portion and the cuff portion of the first glove over the finger portion of the second glove, providing a lapped, superjacent opposing fold thereby;

20            (c) repeatedly superposing the finger portion of a subsequent glove of a plurality of gloves approximately adjacent the finger portion of a previous glove of a plurality of gloves, the subsequent glove finger portion being disposed  
25        approximately parallel and oriented generally opposite the previous glove finger portion, such that the subsequent glove finger portion is in a superjacent opposing relationship relative to the previous glove finger portion;

(d) repeatedly lapping the hand portion and the cuff portion of the previous glove over the finger portion of the subsequent glove, providing a lapped, superjacent opposing fold thereby and, after a predetermined number of gloves have been thus folded, a glove bundle is formed having the predetermined number of gloves folded therein; and

(e) forming a glove bundle having a predetermined number of gloves interfolded with lapped superjacent opposing folds therebetween.

15. The method of Claim 14, further comprising disposing the glove bundle interfolded by lapped, superjacent opposing folds in a container, each adjacent glove in the glove bundle exerting an attractive force upon another adjacent glove in the glove bundle, the container adapted to receive the glove bundle and including a dispensing opening adapted to provide a counterforce in cooperation with the attractive force to dispense a preselected number of gloves at a time in a preselected glove portion orientation.

16. The method according to Claim 15, wherein one glove is dispensed at a time through the dispensing opening and the glove bundle is arranged to dispense the glove through the dispensing opening in a cuff-first orientation.

17. The method according to Claim 16, wherein the glove dispenser comprises a resilient, semi-rigid container.

18. The method according to Claim 17, wherein the dispensing opening further comprises a generally curvilinear opening in the cap through which a glove is dispensed, the generally curvilinear opening being adapted to allow a first  
5 glove to be dispensed and to allow a second glove cuff to at least partially protrude through the opening after separating from the dispensed first glove.

19. The method according to Claim 18, wherein the  
10 generally curvilinear dispensing opening is a generally elliptical dispensing opening adapted to partially constrain passage of a glove therethrough.

20. The method according to Claim 15, wherein the glove  
15 dispenser is adapted to be at least one of wearable and disposable.

21. The method according to Claim 14, wherein the top of the glove bundle comprises the finger portion of a glove.  
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22. A method of interfolding gloves, each glove comprising a finger portion, a hand portion, and a cuff portion comprising cuff end, the method comprising:

(a) placing a first glove on a surface with the finger  
25 portion pointing in a first direction;

(b) placing a second glove over the first glove with the finger portion of the second glove pointing in a second direction, which is generally opposite the first direction;

(c) folding the hand portion of the first glove so that  
30 the cuff portion of the first glove lies superjacent the

finger portion of the second glove and the cuff end of the cuff portion contacts the finger portion of the second glove;

(d) placing a third glove over the cuff portion of the first glove with the finger portion of the third glove  
5 pointing in the first direction and the finger portion of the third glove contacting the cuff end of the first glove;

(e) folding the hand portion of the second glove so that the cuff portion of the second glove lies superjacent the finger portion of the third glove and the cuff end of the cuff  
10 portion of the second glove contacts the finger portion of the third glove; and

(f) repeating steps (b) through (e) for additional gloves until a desired number of folded gloves is obtained.

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